THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL 5 DUTT): (a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has not sponsored any sport event for the benefit of Tsunami victims.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As reported by the Ministry of Home Affairs, a total of 13,639 MT of relief material had been transported to the affected areas as on 10.3.2005. All the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, namely, Telecom, Health, Power, Petroleum, Civil Aviation, Defence, Drinking Water Supply, Road Transport & Highways provided necessary emergency support in dealing with the situation. The Government of India has approved a special package of Rs. 3644.05 Crores named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami Affected Areas" to provide assistance for immediate relief and response, revival of fishery and agriculture sectors, immediate construction of temporary (Intermediate) shelters and repair/restoration of infrastructure besides special relief to orphans, unmarried girls above 18 years of age, widows and disabled. The package for Tamil Nadu is Rs. 2347.19 Crores, Andhra Pradesh Rs. 70.00 crores, Kerala - Rs. 249.36 Crores, Pondicherry - Rs. 155.62 Crores, Andaman & Nicobar Islands - Rs. 821.88 Crores.

The organisation of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, namely Nehru Yuva Kendras (NYKs), National Service Scheme Volunteers (NSS) and Sports Authority of India (SAI) undertook relief activities & Programmes immediately after the disaster in all the affected districts. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports also sanctioned an amount of Rs. 3,04,18,500/- for undertaking relief work as well as setting up Councelling Centres, telephone helplines and residential camps for adolescent youths in the affected districts.

Sports Schools

3241. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Sports Schools under his Ministry in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the annual allocation for such schools, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) There is no Scheme of the Ministry for opening of sports schools in the country: As such, there are no sports schools under the Ministry. However, under the National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme of Sports Authority of India (SAI) schools are adopted by SAI for scientific training of talented children in the age group of 8 to 14 with the concept of play and study. At present, there are 32 regular schools, 24 Navodaya Vidyalayas and 27 schools for promotion of indigenous games and martial arts under this scheme. In addition, 25 more Navodaya Vidyalayas have been approved during 2004-05 for adoption.

(b) The allocation under NSTC scheme are as per administribility norms as given below-

I. Regular schools adopted under NSTC

S. No.	Particulars	Amount admissible
1.	Sports Kit	Subject to a max. of Rs. 2000/- p.a.
2.	Accidental insurance including medical	Subject to a max. of Rs. 150/- p.a.
3.	Competition exposure	Rs. 2000/- per annum
4.	Stipend for 10 months	Rs. 300/- per head per month
5.	Annual grant to the school for purchase of sports equipment	Rs. 20,000/- per annum

II. Schools adopted for promotion of indigenous games and martial art under NSTC

1.	Sports Kit	Subject to max. of Rs. 1500/- p.a.
2.	Accidental insurance including medical	Subject to a max. of Rs. 150/- p.a.
3.	Stipend for 10 months	Rs. 300/- per head per month
4.	Annual grant to the school for purchase of equipment	Rs. 20,000/- per annum
5.	Annual grant to the school for organizing competitions for scouting of talent	Rs. 25,000/- per annum

III. Navodaya Vidyalayas adopted under NSTC

1.	Sports kit	Subject to a max. of Rs. 1500/- p.a.
2.	Stipend for 10 months	Rs. 300/- per head per month
3.	Competition exposure	Rs. 1500/- per headjier annum
4.	Accidental insurance including medical	Subject to a max. of Rs. 150/- p.a.
5.	Annual grant to the school for purchase of equipment	Rs. 20,000/- per annum

Performance in international sports

3242. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's performance in various international sports events has been poor; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken by Government to improve the performance particularly in the forthcoming Olympic and Commonwealth games?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) The performance of Indian sportspersons at major international events is steadily improving as indicated hereunder:—

— In XXVIII Olympic Games, 2004 held at Athens, Greece, India won the first silver medal in individual event (Double Trap shooting) since independence.

— In XII Paralympic Games, 2004, held at Athens, Greece, India won one gold medal (Javelin) and one silver medal (Power lifting).

— In XVII Commonwealth Games, 2002 held at Manchester, U.K. India won 69 Medals (30 Gold, 22 Silver and 17 bronze) and secured 4th position.

— In XIV Asian Games, 2002 held at Busan, South Korea India won 36 Medals (11 Gold, 12 Silver and 13 Bronze) and secured 7th Position.

— In 1st Afro-Asian Games, 2003 held at Hyderabad India secure 80 medals (19 Gold, 32 Silver and 29 Bronze) and secured 2nd Position.